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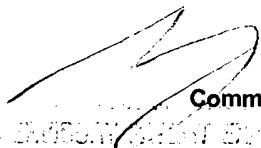
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1. The reply filed on 10/22/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omissions or matters: Applicant in Arguments does not comment on Non-Final Rejection mailed 10/21/03, nor have the rejected claims been substantially amended. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Johannes P Mondt whose telephone number is: 703-306-0531 BEFORE February 4, 2004; and 571-272-1919 AFTER February 4, 2004. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 - 18:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J Flynn can be reached on 703-308-6601 BEFORE February 4, 2004, and on 571-272-1915 AFTER February 4, 2004. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-308-5399.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

JPM
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